

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 926

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Jacob Auchey for exhibiting great courage and spirit despite his health problems.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those children who, although suffering with life-altering illnesses, exhibit courage and fortitude far beyond their years, serving as an inspiration to their friends, family, and community; and

WHEREAS, Jacob Auchey is one such estimable child who maintains a friendly, strong-willed, and spirited personality despite battling an uncommon brain tumor with which he was diagnosed at nine months old; the tumor has left him blind, and on chemotherapy off and on for a total of nearly four years; and

WHEREAS, the loving son of Flynn and Cindy Auchey, Jacob is a first grade student at Loudon Elementary School, where he has won the hearts and the admiration of his teachers, the staff, and his fellow classmates for his perseverance and upbeat attitude in the face of so many obstacles; and

WHEREAS, as a testament to Jacob's cheerful disposition, Flynn and Cindy Auchey recall being astonished to see their son just after brain surgery, his head visibly swollen, sitting in bed and laughing with a nurse; and

WHEREAS, whether in the hospital, at school, or in stores and restaurants, Jacob's natural ability to connect with other people has attracted many friends throughout his young life, many of whom have grown to care deeply for him; and

WHEREAS, the tumor hasn't deterred the playful and active Jacob from indulging his passions; he loves NASCAR, having memorized every number of the top twenty cars, and is a big fan of the Disney movies that feature the magical Volkswagen Beetle named Herbie; and

WHEREAS, Jacob also enjoys reading and is learning Braille; his enthusiasm for books inspired the staff at Loudon Elementary to create a book titled *Books for Jacob*, which effort resulted in a school-wide outreach to record his teachers and classmates reading books to Jacob; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Jacob Auchey, praise him for his uplifting spirit, and commend his strong demonstration of courage and fortitude at such a tender age; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Jacob Auchey for his strength of character, for the many friendships that he has made, and for being an inspiration to all those who are fortunate to know and love him.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.